



**WHITTIER**  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
DENVER, COLORADO

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FREE DAYS**

Denver Botanic Gardens  
Sat., Aug. 13  
Denver Museum of  
Nature & Science  
Weds., Aug. 31

**DENVER INTERNATIONAL  
BUSKERFEST**

Fri.–Sun., Sept. 9–11 • All day  
Downtown Denver  
www.buskerfest.com

**CHILE HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Sat.–Sun., Sept. 10–11  
9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.  
Denver Botanic Gardens and Chicano  
Humanities and Arts Council  
(CHAC) host the second annual  
Chile Harvest Festival honoring  
Spanish-speaking cultures.  
1005 York St.  
Call for tickets and information  
720.865.3552

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

WNA  
MEETING  
**WEDS., AUG. 17**  
6:30 P.M.  
WHITTIER COMMUNITY  
CENTER  
2900 DOWNING ST.  
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# WHITTIER

## NEIGHBORHOOD

# SPOTLIGHT

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### NEW WNA WEB SITE OFFERS WHITTIER HISTORY, HOUSE TOUR TICKET PURCHASES

When you visit the new WNA web site, [www.WhittierNeighborhood.org](http://www.WhittierNeighborhood.org), you can find out about Whittier's intriguing and colorful past. The information was excerpted from Jim Raughton's Denver Historic Guide, *Whittier Neighborhood and San Rafael Historic District*.

The web site also offers a look at today's Whittier with a map indicating Whittier's schools, parks and community organizations.

For the first time, **Whittier House Tour tickets can be purchased in advance online.** Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 on the day of the tour. The online payment service PayPal ensures a safe and secure transaction.

A list of community services with links to their web sites and WNA Community Center information is also available. *A big thanks to resident Resa Baker for her time and talent creating the new web site.* Please visit the web site and e-mail your comments to Cathy Calder at [chc@blondedesign.com](mailto:chc@blondedesign.com).



**Purchase Whittier House Tour  
Tickets in Advance**

This year we will be selling tickets online and at a number of retail locations. **The retail locations that will have tickets available starting Sept. 1** include Ben's Market, Cone Zone, Blackberries Ice Cream and Coffee Lounge, Talulah Jones, and Wired Internet Cafe. We have gathered three recipes for the tour and need seven more!! Please contact Cheryl Bicknell at 303.292.2651 or [one4onedesign@comcast.net](mailto:one4onedesign@comcast.net) for details.

**Denver Neighborhood  
Groups Want More  
Police Officers**

Inter-neighborhood Cooperation (INC) met with the Mayor this summer to discuss public safety and other issues. The group's board and committee leadership tries to meet with the Mayor twice a year.

Most critical to INC are increases in crime across the city. After years of decreases, crime rates, in particular violent crime, are increasing in many neighborhoods.

During the meeting with the Mayor, the group discussed what it would take to increase staffing levels, which are not keeping pace with retiring officers. The Mayor said it would cost millions of dollars in tax increases and that Denver residents wouldn't be inclined to pay such an increase for police staffing.

"We happen to think our

neighbors all over the city would pay a little more to feel safe," said Karen Cuthbertson of the Athmar Park neighborhood which has seen two shootings this summer, one involving a police officer.

INC will be tracking all forms of crime and sharing its findings with its member neighborhood groups over the next several months.

Past WNA President **Monique Lovato** regularly attends INC meetings. Contact her at 303.894.0871 or [Monique.llovato@xcelenergy.com](mailto:Monique.llovato@xcelenergy.com)  
**Traci Oliver**, WNA Safety Committee member, is the Whittier representative at 2-CAB, a district-wide board for neighborhood organizations in District Two. If you have an issue you would like her to address, please contact her at 303.887.8921 or [tracioliver@hotmail.com](mailto:tracioliver@hotmail.com).



**RECYCLING REMINDER:  
PLEASE CUT CARDBOARD BOXES DOWN**

The response from residents to the addition of the new recycling materials has been magnificent. The numbers are increasing daily but, they need your help. Please remember, when putting corrugated cardboard out for recycling to flatten boxes and cut or fold pieces to no larger than 2 feet by 2 feet.

This will make collection much easier for the crews and help keep the recycling program running smoothly.



**LOOKING FOR  
MANUAL MENTORS**

Colorado Youth At Risk will be recruiting, **Sun., Sept. 11** at the Fuller Dog Park, 7:30–10 a.m. There will be mentors, students and staff of the program to answer questions, also free coffee and donuts and dog treats.

**WNA ELECTIONS  
IN OCTOBER**

Visit [www.WhittierNeighborhood.org](http://www.WhittierNeighborhood.org) to see the positions that will be open for election this October. A full list of the positions and their descriptions will be published in the September *Whittier Spotlight*.

**Become a Read Aloud Volunteer!**

Do you enjoy working with children? Do you love books and literature? Reading aloud to children stimulates imagination, creativity and curiosity, expands their experience of the world and develops a love of books and literature.

The Denver Public Library is looking for volunteers to read stories once a week to economically at-risk children enrolled in Head Start centers in the Denver area. A 15-week commitment is required.

Please call 720.865.1308 or visit [www.kids.denverlibrary.org/grownups/read\\_aloud.html](http://www.kids.denverlibrary.org/grownups/read_aloud.html).

**FRESH CITY LIFE SERIES FOCUSES ON  
NATURE & THE HUMAN SPIRIT  
Sept. 6 to Oct. 9, 2005**

This series' diverse and exciting lineup features Outdoor Experiences, a film series, cooking demonstrations, a study of the environment, and more. All programs are presented at the Denver Central Library, 10 W. 14th Ave. Pkwy.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

**Cooking: Sat., Sept. 10 • 10:30 A.M.**

Mary Gunderson, president and owner of History Cooks *Take a Bite: Foods that Fueled the Lewis & Clark Expedition*

**Outdoor Experiences:**

**Mon., Sept. 12 • 6:30 P.M.**

Author and Colorado Mountain Club Member Ricardo Pena *Alive Again*

**Mon., Sept. 26 • 6:30 P.M.**

Todd Caudle, photographer, and Walt Borneman, author *14,000 FEET: A Celebration of Colorado's Highest Mountains*

**Mon., Oct. 3 • 6:30 P.M.**

Aron Ralston, author and survivor will tell his personal story *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*

All programs are free and open to the public. For details, visit [www.denverlibrary.org/fresh](http://www.denverlibrary.org/fresh) or call Kristy Martin at 720.865.1206. TTY for persons who are deaf or hearing-impaired, 720.865.1472. To schedule an interpreter, please call at least one week in advance of the event.

**Denver Public Library launches Babble, Scribble, READ**

The web site, [www.read.denverlibrary.org](http://www.read.denverlibrary.org), is based on the Public Library Association's Every Child Ready to Read program and guides parents through introducing and reinforcing the six early literacy skills which form the basis of what children use to learn to read and write. Babble, Scribble, READ is organized into three pre-literacy age groups: birth to 18 months, 18 months to 3 years and 3 to 5 years with activities and book lists appropriate for each age group. There is even a printable handout about reading aloud.

Children who are exposed to books early in life have better language skills than those who wait until later. They also have better success in learning to read.

Please call 720.865.1308 or visit [www.kids.denverlibrary.org/grownups/read\\_aloud.html](http://www.kids.denverlibrary.org/grownups/read_aloud.html).

**30th Annual Used  
Book Sale at Denver  
Central Library**

The Denver Public Library Used Book Sale is a terrific way to add to your book collection, at bargain-basement prices! There will be more than 120,000 items for sale this year: fiction and nonfiction, children's books, art, biographies, cookbooks, computers, teen, literature, Spanish language, CDs, DVDs and videotapes.

**Sale open to the public  
Fri. & Sat., Aug. 26–27**

10 A.M. – 5 P.M.

**Sun., Aug. 28**

10 A.M. – 3 P.M.

**Great Book Giveaway —  
open to nonprofits only  
Sun., Aug. 28**

3:30 – 4:30 P.M.

10 W. 14th Ave. Parkway Lower level of the Library in the B2 Conference Center and between the Denver Central Library and Denver Art Museum.

For more details, visit [www.denverlibrary.org/ubs](http://www.denverlibrary.org/ubs).

**INC DICTIONARY DRIVE**  
The Inter-Neighborhood Council (INC) once again is asking for help to provide every DPS student with a dictionary. Books for a classroom of 30 students costs \$75 — only \$2.50 per student. A dictionary is a valuable resource for literacy and learning for Denver's youngest citizens.  
**By Fri., Aug. 12**, send a tax deductible contribution to Dollar Dictionary, P.O. Box 18347, Denver, CO 80218.

# Innovative Juvenile Program Threatened by Budget Cuts

Tight funding threatens to put a crimp in the Denver Community Court, an innovative juvenile justice program begun in September 2003 to reduce youth crime.

The court at 3280 Downing St. handles municipal code violations such as breaking curfew, shoplifting or vandalism by kids 10 to 18 years old committed in the 80205 zip code area or by youths who live there. It handles about 500 cases a year.

The goals are "repair, restore, redirect." Instead of a downtown court, youths are in their own neighborhood and often know the people involved.



Youths are assigned to Crew Unique, which repairs any damage they've caused. But they also get help to stay in school. Ancillary problems, such as food and housing or jobs, also are addressed. The concept is simple: A kid is responsible for his or her actions and must make things right. The message is

simple, too: Somebody cares. In the process, the families become community stakeholders.

The court relies on public funds and foundation grants but had to scramble to get \$45,000 to meet a shortfall until the end of the year and now hopes to get \$150,000 in city crime prevention funds and another \$150,000 in grants for next year.

Contact Whittier's City Council representative, Elbra Wedgeworth, as well as District 2 police officials and let them know you value this program and want to keep it funded.

*Excerpted from The Denver Post*

## SUMMER WITH THE GARDENS

Denver Urban Gardens is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a fun-filled evening of food, music, gardens and entertainment!

**Sat., Aug. 13**

**5:30-9:00 P.M.**

Gove Community Garden,  
1325 Colorado Blvd.

For information,  
call 303.722.8388.

## XCEL ENERGY PLANT TOURS

Tour the plants to understand how the power of the wind is harnessed to create electricity, how ice is used to cool downtown buildings and how power plant emissions have been cut 70 percent with state-of-the-art technologies.

**Wed., Aug. 10 • 3:30-4:30 P.M.**  
Denver District Cooling Plant  
Downtown Denver

**Fri., Aug. 19 • 9 A.M.-1:30 P.M.**  
Ponsequin Wind Facility  
South of Wyoming border  
and east of I-25

(Half-day tour departs from downtown Denver, includes chartered bus ride and lunch)

**Wed., Aug. 24 • 10 A.M.-NOON**

Cherokee Station  
Northeast Denver

To register, please call  
303.294.2788 or send  
e-mail to [barbara.hamblin@xcelenergy.com](mailto:barbara.hamblin@xcelenergy.com)

## SECOND ANNUAL GLOBAL MARKET

The Global Market is a cultural neighborhood event providing crafts, food, and entertainment from around the world while supporting Denver's smaller entrepreneurs.

**Sat., Aug. 27**

**11:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.**

Curtis Park

Call 303.308.8152  
for more information.



## AIDS Walk Colorado

Walk and raise money in the Rocky Mountain Region's largest AIDS fundraiser! AIDS Walk benefits Colorado AIDS Project. More than 30 other outstanding HIV/AIDS organizations raise money for their programs through AIDS Walk Colorado.

Take the steps to participate:

1. Register at [www.AIDSwalkcolorado.org](http://www.AIDSwalkcolorado.org) or by calling 303.861.WALK (9255).

2. Fundraise!

3. Walk on **Sun., Aug. 21** in Denver's beautiful Cheesman Park.

For more information, please call 303.861.WALK.

## Free Life Insurance . . . Without the Catch

MassMutual Financial Group, one of the nation's largest life insurance companies, is offering something free to low-income working parents. Under its LifeBridge program, MassMutual is writing term life policies at no cost for families earning \$40,000 or less. The company has promised to pay the premiums for 20,000 policies nationally, each with a \$50,000 death benefit. The agents writing the policies are doing the work pro bono. No commissions are paid for these policies. Sometimes free really is free.

To be eligible for the free term life insurance, applicants must be:

- Age 19 to 42.
- Permanent, legal U.S. residents.
- The parents or legal guardians of one or more dependent children under age 18.
- Employed — either full- or part-time — with a family income of between \$10,000 and \$40,000 on the most recent income tax return.
- In good health, as determined by MassMutual's underwriting guidelines.

If you're interested in this program or know someone who could benefit, call MassMutual toll-free at 800.272.2216.

alzheimer's association

**memory walk '05**  
Taking steps to end Alzheimer's

**Sat., Sept. 17 • City Park**

Memory Walk is the nation's premier fundraiser to help those battling Alzheimer's disease.

For more information:  
Phone: 303.813.1669

[www.coloradomemorywalk.org](http://www.coloradomemorywalk.org)

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**ABANDONED VEHICLES**

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Hours: Closed Thurs. and Sun.  
Mon., Tues. & Wed. 10:00 A.M.–7:00 P.M.  
Fri. & Sat. 10:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.

**ANIMAL CONTROL**

303.698.0076

**BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Neighborhood inspections: weeds,  
junk cars, trash in yards, etc.  
720.865.3200

**CHILD ABUSE REPORTING**

720.944.3000

**CHILDREN'S CAR SEATS**

LaWanda Eiland, Denver Health  
303.877.8075  
lawanda.eiland@dhha.org

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303.295.4420

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Keep Denver Beautiful  
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303.297.3273  
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Sat. 10:30 A.M.–4:30 P.M.

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**NEPQue MEETINGS**

Last Monday of every month  
RSVP for dinner at 6:00 P.M.  
2900 Downing St., Ste. 1B • 6:30 P.M.  
303.884.0201  
northeastparents@yahoo.com

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Large item pickup:  
Aug. 29–Sept. 2  
Hazardous waste • 800.449.7587

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Just dial 211

**Become a member of the Whittier Neighborhood Association—or renew your membership—and start making a difference in your neighborhood today!**

**Membership cards are available at monthly WNA meetings.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Names of others in household \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Interests \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing \$20/household (\$12/Senior household) as new member(s) \_\_\_\_\_ as renewing member(s) \_\_\_\_\_ plus an additional donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Whittier Neighborhood Association.

*Your membership is fully tax deductible and will be used to support the Whittier Community Center at 29th Ave. and Downing St. Thank you! Please enclose check made payable to Whittier Neighborhood Association and mail to 2900 Downing Street, 1B • Denver, CO 80205*